



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team announce the successful completion of **“Operation Can’t Hide”**
The statewide effort to serve fugitive warrants was a success

Beginning October 22nd and lasting through October 24th, numerous law enforcement agencies, specifically those in Southern and Northern Arizona, joined forces as part of the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team and made **116** felony warrant arrests. The cumulative effort, however, actually cleared **135** felony warrants and 18 misdemeanor warrants.

In Southern Arizona:

Santa Cruz County made 8 felony arrests – Participating agencies included DPS (Narcotics Bureau), Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office, Nogales Police Department, the Santa Cruz Metro Task Force and the U.S. Marshall’s Office.

Pima County made 12 felony arrests - Participating agencies included the U.S. Marshals Service, Tucson Police Department, Pima County Sheriff’s Office and DPS.

Cochise County made 23 felony arrests - Participating agencies included the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Sierra Vista Police Department, Cochise County Sheriff’s Office, Douglas Police Department, Wilcox Police Department and Bisbee Police Department.

In Northern Arizona:

Mohave County made 27 felony arrests - Participating agencies included DPS, Lake Havasu Police Department, Bullhead City Police Department, Mohave County Sheriff’s Office, Fort Mohave Tribal Police Department and the DEA Task Force.

Yavapai County made 26 felony arrests - Participating agencies included Sedona Police Department, Cottonwood Police Department, Camp Verde Marshals Office, Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office, Yavapai Adult Probation, Prescott Valley Police Department, Chino Valley Police Department, Prescott Police, Yavapai County Attorney’s Office, and the Yavapai-Apache Tribal Police Department.

Coconino County made 20 felony arrests - Participating agencies included DPS, NAU Police Department, Flagstaff Police Department, Coconino County Sheriff’s Office, Page Police

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Department, Williams Police Department, Coconino County Adult Probation, Navajo Tribal Police Department, U.S. Marshals Service, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Photos of some of the arrests can be downloaded by typing or pasting the following address into your web browser: marketing.azdps.gov/public/photos/vcat_SO-AZ.zip

“These types of results are exactly what the Governor had in mind when she directed the Arizona Department of Public Safety to create a statewide team to address the thousands of fugitive arrest warrants in the state. This incredible partnership between federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies resulted in clearing 135 felony warrants statewide in this one operation alone. The work of the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team, or VCAT, will continue. I would like to give my congratulations to everyone who participated in ‘Operation Can’t Hide’. They’ve made communities across the state a bit safer today,” said Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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